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IN RE APPLICATION:

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Title: ANGLED GRIPPING JOINT COMBINATION FOR  
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**RESPONSE**

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003 FOR WHICH RESPONSE IS DUE BY November 13, 2003. Accordingly this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.

Please amend the subject application as follows: